

Businesses flock to Broken Arrow in 2017

This has been a great year so far for economic development in the City of Broken Arrow. The City has successfully recruited numerous new businesses and commercial investments, including what may be considered the milestone for the Rose District: an \$18 million, multi-use development on North Main. This approximately 150,000 square foot development will house 31,000 square feet of ground floor retail and office space with about 90 apartment units on the three upper floors.

Around the same time that development was announced, the City finalized plans with Alfa Laval to expand its facilities. Alfa Laval, which operates on South 9th Street, will expand its site twice by 2024, adding 68,500 square feet and 120 new jobs in Phase One. That phase begins in January. The second phase will add another 220,000 square feet and 147 new full time jobs for a total

of over 260 new positions.

Indian Brewing Company

Another great development is the Indian Brewing Company, which is creating a brewery in the old icehouse at 333 W. Dallas St. Once finished, Indian Brewing Company will serve its own, locally-brewed creations, as well as light snacks and sandwiches.

Another Rose District Redevelopment

B.A. Vespers, LLC., which owns Main Street Square at Main and Dallas, also acquired the former Presbyterian Church at 121 W. College St. The plan is to turn the sanctuary into a full service restaurant. A building just south of the sanctuary will be redeveloped into 14,000 square feet of office space.

New Retail Developments

Several new retail establishments have opened or are planning to

open soon in Broken Arrow. Dunkin Donuts will open its first area store at Aspen and Kenosha this fall. Around Kenosha and 9th Street, Jersey Mikes subs, Wingstop and Tropical Smoothie Cafe all opened up.

Phase 2 of the Shops at Broken Arrow (where Target and Dick's Sporting Goods are located) is almost complete. This development between PetSmart and Dick's includes an Ulta Beauty, Michaels, Dollar Tree and a Ross Dress for Less.

South Broken Arrow

In August, City staff recommended to the City Council that a study be conducted and to work with property owners to find new opportunities for redevelopment of the New Orleans and Elm area. The City has also developed the infrastructure to support The Shops at Aspen Creek, around the Warren Theatre. Read more at BrokenArrowOK.gov.

Your bond dollars at work: Recreation for health & wealth

A message from Parks & Recreation Director Scott Esmond

“Play ball!”

It's one of America's great pastimes and a phrase familiar to many in Broken Arrow, whether it's baseball, softball, basketball, football, soccer, tennis, rugby or lacrosse you enjoy. I have had the great honor of serving as BA's Parks & Recreation Director for the past 19 years. It's wonderful to work in a community that appreciates beautiful parks and abundant recreation opportunities. We plan to keep it that way for generations to come. Here are some of the current Parks & Recreation projects we're working on and what's planned for the future.

What Projects Have Been Completed?

Thanks to voter approval of General Obligation Bonds, residents are enjoying new tennis and basketball courts at Nienhuis Park, 3201 N. 9th St., which were completed last year. In July, we opened two new turf football fields at the Nienhuis Football Complex. General Obligation Bonds, commonly called GO Bonds, helped finance these and many other Parks projects in our community. GO Bonds are a common financing tool used by Oklahoma cities to pay for major capital projects, like the building of roads, public buildings and parks facilities.

We recently completed improvements at Morrow, Vandever and Copper Creek Parks. Morrow Park, 2500 N. 11th St., received new picnic shelters and tables, along with upgrades to the tennis courts and walking trail. The tennis courts at Vandever Park, 1101 W. Ithica St., also received new surfacing, netting and pickleball lines. If you're a fan of pickleball, be sure to check out the changes. Copper

Creek, 2800 W. Richmond St., has a new playground. A combination of capital improvement funds and GO Bonds helped complete these projects. As you know, our residents spend a lot of time at our parks and we want to keep them in great shape.

What's in the Future for Parks and Recreation?

One of the most exciting 2014 GO Bond projects is Broken Arrow's first dog park at Rose West Park, near 101st Street and Garnett Road. This park is still in the works, but will be very impressive when it's completed in summer 2018. These dollars are also helping us plan and design the Adult Softball Complex and ADA accessible fields at the Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St.; construction should begin late next year. Another project in the works is a rugby field and various practice fields at Highland Park, in East Broken Arrow.

Look for major improvements at the Indian Springs Sports Complex, 1400 W. Shreveport St. This includes new fencing, irrigation, parking upgrades, new lighting at the west soccer fields and a new playground. We're also excited about building a new splash pad at Leisure Park, 801 W. Charleston St. It'll be the first splash pad for the southern part of town. See a complete list of projects and videos at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/BOND.

Economic Impact of Parks & Recreation

Not only do residents enjoy the numerous Parks we maintain daily, but they are one of Broken Arrow's major

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing through October - Rose District Farmers Market
4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 7:00 a.m. - noon on Saturdays, 418 S. Main Street.

Ongoing through October 8 — Broken Arrow Youth Basketball Registration. To register, visit www.bahoops.com.

October 3 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

October 6 — Wine, Eats and Easels 6:00 p.m., The Rose District. Visit www.baneighbors.org/wee for details.

October 7 — Fall Fun Fair 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St.

October 7 — Beer, Brats and Birthday Cake 3:00 -10:00 p.m. Rose District 5th Birthday Party.

October 12 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

October 16 — Broken Arrow's Birthday!

October 17 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

October 21 — Free Dump Day (see related story).

October 26 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

October 28 — 45th annual Benefit Craft Show 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 400 W. New Orleans St.

October 28 — Night Out Against Crime with Fun and Games on Main 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Rose District.

November 4 — Bark in the Park 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Ray Harral Nature Park, 7101 S. 3rd St.

November 7 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

November 10 — Veterans Day Observed City offices closed. There will not be trash service that day.

November 16 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

THRIVE! Read the Annual Financial Report

The City of Broken Arrow is mailing out its second annual financial newsletter, called “THRIVE! Your Money at Work.”

The report illustrates how the City generates revenue and how your tax dollars are spent. It also details projects the City will be working on in Fiscal Year 2018, along with updates on Fiscal Year 2017 projects.



It's important for citizens to know where their tax dollars are going. The financial newsletter includes several detailed graphs explaining how the City gets its revenue, how it spends it, and the breakdown where sales and property taxes go. We hope this helps you gain a greater understanding of how the City operates. For more detailed information about the City's finances, please use our financial accountability tool online at BrokenArrowOK.OpenGov.com.

Expect to see “Your Money at Work” in your mailbox after Labor Day. It will also be available online at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/YOURMONEY.

Free Dump Day October 21

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the City's annual Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, October 21 from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. North. This is easily accessible by traveling north on U.S. Highway 169 to the eastbound exit at 46th St. North. Residents may dump free by presenting a driver's license with a Broken Arrow address or a recent utility bill. City employees will be on site to verify residency. To view a list of eligible items, visit www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/FREEDUMP or contact the landfill at 918-439-7835.

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attractions, largely because of the superior athletics complexes our parks have to offer. Bringing in major baseball, softball and soccer tournaments is a tremendous source of revenue for local restaurants, hotels and stores. This, in turn, helps the City continue to bring you the high quality services you expect through the sales tax generated. Attracting these major tournaments is a priority for the City, and doing so requires continual investment in our Parks & Recreation facilities.

Opportunity in 2018

Presently, the City Council and Administration are in the initial stages of preparing a new package of projects

Citizens Recycling Committee recommends two pilot projects

The 14-member Citizens Recycling Committee provided its findings regarding curbside recycling to the City Council in August. The report recommended two pilot programs for curbside recycling.

The first pilot would continue the City's use of bags for garbage collection, but include a plastic cart for recyclables. The second option would include a cart for both trash and recycling services. Both pilot programs would provide trash and recyclables collection on the same day and reduce pick up to once per week. Each pilot would run about four months.

No action will be taken until City staff present a final recommendation to the Council later this fall. The entire report is available online at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov.

The Committee was formed last fall and was tasked with understanding the opinions of Broken Arrow refuse customers and to serve as a guide for the development of future refuse and recycling services. They met 14 times over eight months and educated themselves on recycling finance and economics, possible pilot programs, collection systems and recycling as it relates to economic development and sustainability.

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What is the curfew on Halloween?

Halloween this year falls on a Tuesday, which means the curfew is from 11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. for individuals under 18 years of age. This is the standard Sunday through Thursday curfew. The curfew hours on Friday and Saturday are from midnight to 6:00 a.m. Children accompanied by a parent or guardian are not in violation of the ordinance.

for voter approval in the summer of 2018. This fall, we will be taking a citizen's survey to get your input on road improvements and other important quality of life projects. We will make the survey easily accessible, so that everyone in the community can participate. We value your input and want to hear your feedback. Our Parks & Recreation facilities are well used by residents and visitors every day. Maintaining and improving them will be vital to making Broken Arrow an attractive place to live, work, and play. But, before the City can move forward with any new Parks & Recreation projects, voters will have to approve the bond funding that will pay for the improvements. Additional public education on needs and costs is forthcoming, so stay tuned.